



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

D.T.E. 06-5

FIRST SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO
MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY AND
NANTUCKET ELECTRIC COMPANY

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") submits to Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company ("MECo" or "Company") the following Information Requests:

INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions apply to this set of Information Requests and all subsequent Information Requests issued by the Department to the Company in this proceeding.

1. Each request should be answered in writing on a separate, three-hole punch page with a recitation of the request, a reference to the request number, the docket number of the case and the name of the person responsible for the answer.
2. Do not wait for all answers to be completed before supplying answers. Provide the answers as they are completed.
3. These requests shall be deemed continuing so as to require further supplemental responses if the Company or its witness receives or generates additional information within the scope of these requests between the time of the original response and the close of the record in this proceeding.

4. The term “provide complete and detailed documentation” means:

Provide all data, assumptions and calculations relied upon. Provide the source of and basis for all data and assumptions employed. Include all studies, reports and planning documents from which data, estimates or assumptions were drawn and support for how the data or assumptions were used in developing the projections or estimates. Provide and explain all supporting work-papers.
5. The term “document” is used in its broadest sense and includes, without limitation, writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, phono-records, microfilm, microfiche, computer printouts, correspondence, handwritten notes, records or reports, bills, checks, articles from journals or other sources and other data compilations from which information can be obtained and all copies of such documents that bear notations or other markings that differentiate such copies from the original.
6. If any one of these requests is ambiguous, notify the Hearing Officer so that the request may be clarified prior to the preparation of a written response.
7. Please file one copy of the responses with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary of the Department, and all parties to this proceeding; also submit two (2) copies of the responses to John J. Geary, Hearing Officer, one (1) copy of the responses to Sean Hanley, Assistant Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division; one (1) copy of the responses to Stephen Crowley, Analyst, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division; and one (1) copy of the responses to Glenn Shippee, Analyst, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division.
8. In addition to filings all non-proprietary responses should be submitted by e-mail to dte.efiling@state.ma.us and to the e-mail address of any party required to be served.
9. Responses are due on or before Friday, February 10, 2006.

INFORMATION REQUEST

- DTE 1-1 Please recompute Exh. SMM-3 (which is the July 1, 2005 regional index) using the following assumptions. Provide a copy of all supporting workpapers and calculations.
- (a) Assume that the July 2005 distribution rates for Consolidated Edison of New York (“Con Ed”) are the same as those calculated for Con Ed in the July 2004 regional index.

- (b) Assume that the July 2005 distribution rates for Con Ed are calculated by increasing the distribution rates reported in the July 2004 regional index for Con Ed by the average regional index increase, without Con Ed in the regional index group.

DTE 1-2 Please recompute Exh. SMM-1 without Con Ed in the regional index group. Fix MECo's regional index setting at 90 percent. Include a copy of all supporting workpapers and calculations.

DTE 1-3 For those utility companies in the regional index group that account for more than ten percent of the total megawatt-hour load of the regional index group, please provide:

- (a) a copy of the tariffs selected by MECo used in computing the regional index.
- (b) a description of all adjustments made by MECo to the above tariffs to develop the rates that were used to compute the regional index.

DTE 1-4 In Att. 8 of settlement approved in Massachusetts Electric Company/Eastern Edison Company, D.T.E. 99-47 (2000), there are seven utility companies from New York in the regional index group. In the instant filing, however, there is only one company from New York in the regional index group. What change or changes have occurred in New York to account for the decrease in New York utility representation in the regional index group? Describe in detail and with specificity and provide all calculations, workpapers, and assumptions.